

TOWN OF ROCKPORT  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 15, 2021  
ROCKPORT HIGH SCHOOL COMPLEX

Registered Voters: 6060

Attendance: 448

Start Time: 9:24am

Dissolved at: 4:41pm

THE TOWN MODERATOR, ROBERT VISNICK, opened the meeting.

The Star Spangled Banner was played.

The town recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The moderator thanked the town for obeying the mandates of the state of emergency as it pertains to the COVID19 pandemic and thanked our local Board of Health. A moment of Silence was given for those lost in our nation and in our town in the year 2020.

The TOWN CLERK, PATRICIA BROWN, read the names of residents who passed away in the year 2020: Donald Atkinson, John D. Bruce, Dorothy J. Carroll, Charles W. Christopher, Alan Hagstrom, Andrew P. Heinz, Patricia B. Koechlin, Roy C. Moore, David K. Quinn, Roseann M. Rash, David R. Scatterday, Elizabeth E. Scatterday, Peter H. Schmink, James A. Sellers, Melissa M. Tingley

INVOCATION BY SUSAN MORAN, Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockport: Spirit of life and love. God. Goddess. Gaia. Earth. Love. We thank you for this beautiful day. For surviving this last year. We are so thankful for the practice of Democracy. Let us remember to listen with a big heart. To realize that reasonable people can and disagree. Let us speak with kindness and compassion and listen with open ears. May it be so. And amen.

Sharon Chase, Poet Laureate: The purpose of this poem is to give comfort during the pandemic. Connection of presence. An ancient benediction blooms anew as greeting. Original context of suspicion flowers as peace filled trust. Greetings while we are absent, one from another. Not alone, in knowing nature can be cruel. Not alone, in this pandemic. Practicing safety, distance. Not alone in shared hope for saving sustenance. Not alone, in belief that transcendent good will is. Not alone.

The Moderator thanked the organizers of the meeting, welcomed the non-voters and voters alike.

The Moderator then made a motion to omit the reading of the articles, which was moved, seconded, voted on, and carried unanimously.

The Town Clerk read the Town Meeting Warrant.

The moderator explained that the Roman numeral items will be addressed first then articles related in nature:

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A followed by Y

D and E

H and I

K, L, M and S

F, G and X

Q, N, P, O, V and W

R, T and U

#### **ARTICLE I**

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**To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from available funds sums of money to be expended by various Town Departments to balance or supplement the FY21 budget; or act on anything relative thereto. (Town Accountant) (requires majority vote)**

#### **MOTION**

NO MOTION

#### **ARTICLE II**

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**To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from the SPED Stabilization fund to the School Department to pay for Special Education obligations; or act on anything relative thereto. (School Committee) (requires 2/3 vote)**

#### **MOTION**

I move that the Town appropriate and transfer from the SPED Stabilization fund the sum of \$261,000 to the School Department Private Tuitions account for the purposes of defraying Special Education expenses.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Finance Committee member Laurene Wessel moves Article II as indicated in the motion printed on page 29 of the May 15, 2021 voters booklet. Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support the article.

MODERATOR: The article was moved and seconded. No discussion. Motion carried, unanimous by voice vote.

#### **ARTICLE III**

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**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, including Free Cash, a sum of money to fund otherwise unanticipated costs of coping with the COVID-19 pandemic; including personnel costs and all other expenses; or act on anything relative thereto. (Board of Selectmen) (requires majority vote)**

#### **MOTION**

I move that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000 to fund labor and personnel costs and expense costs related to the Town's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Selectman Sarah Wilkinson moves Article III as indicated in the motion printed on page 30 of the May 15, 2021 voters booklet. Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support the article.

MODERATOR: The article was moved and seconded. No discussion. Motion carried, unanimous by voice vote.

#### **ARTICLE 1**

**To choose an agent for the various trust funds of the Town and to choose all other necessary Town Officers in such a manner as the Town may direct; or act on anything relative thereto. (Board of Selectmen) (requires majority vote)**

#### **MOTION**

I move that the Town designate the Treasurer to be the agent for the various trust funds for the Town.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Selectman Ross Brackett moves Article 1 as indicated in the motion printed on page 30 of the May 15, 2021 voters booklet.

MODERATOR: The article was moved and seconded. No discussion. Motion carried, unanimous by voice vote.

#### **ARTICLE 2**

**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay unpaid bills and/or payroll of previous years; or act on anything relative thereto. (Town Accountant) (requires 4/5 vote)**

Department	Amount	Vendor	Account	Description
Police	\$2,394.11	Bluepay	Parking Meter Maintenance	Parking Processing fees
DPW	\$58.42	National Grid	DPW Water – Electricity	Water Treatment Electricity
DPW	\$1,160.20	Thermo Orion	Water Enterprise – Maintenance & Calibration	Water Treatment Contracted Services
DPW	132.76	City Hall Systems	Other Purchased Services – Administrative & Other Purchased Services-Solid Waste	Resident sticker processing fees
Animal Control	\$345.90	LHS	Constable Services	Dog tags

#### **MOTION**

I move that the Town appropriate by transfer the sums of money to be expended by various Town Departments to pay bills from previous fiscal years as set forth in page 31 of the May 15, 2021 Town Meeting Voters Booklet.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Selectman Don Campbell moves Article 2 as indicated in the motion printed on page 31 of the May 15, 2021 voters booklet. Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support the article.

MODERATOR: The article was moved and seconded. No discussion. Motion carried, unanimous by voice vote.

### **ARTICLE 3**

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**To see if the Town will vote to rescind any one or more of the authorizations previously given to borrow funds for municipal purposes, excluding always, any and all authorizations that have been executed by a borrowing; or act on anything relative thereto. (Town Treasurer) (requires majority vote)**

### **MOTION**

NO MOTION

### **ARTICLE 4**

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**To see if the Town will vote to amend or revise certain compensation schedules as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and on file in the Town Clerk's Office, which are incorporated herein by reference, namely:**

- A. Compensation Schedules A, B, D and H for salaried employees; and**
- B. Compensation Schedule C for elected officials;**

**or act on anything relative thereto. (Board of Selectmen) (requires majority vote)**

### **MOTION**

**First Motion:** I move that the Town amend Compensation Schedules A, B, D and H for salaried employees, as set forth in the proposals recommended by the Rockport Board of Selectmen and on file in the Town Clerk's Office, which are incorporated herein by reference.

**Second Motion:** I move that the Town amend Compensation Schedule C for Elected Officials, as set forth in the proposals recommended by the Rockport Board of Selectmen and on file in the Town Clerk's Office, which are incorporated herein by reference.

### **FIRST MOTION**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Selectman Sarah Wilkinson moves Article 4, first motion, as indicated in the motion printed on page 32 of the May 15, 2021 voters booklet.

MODERATOR: The first motion in the article was moved and seconded.

Discussion was had by Toby Arsenian, 95 Granite St.

Motion carried, unanimous by voice vote.

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## **SECOND MOTION**

TOWN MODERATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Selectman Sarah Wilkinson moves Article 4, second motion, as indicated in the motion printed on page 32 of the May 15, 2021 voters booklet. Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support the article.

MODERATOR: The second motion in the article was moved and seconded. Motion carried, unanimous by voice vote.

## **ARTICLE 5**

**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, sums of money for any or all Town expenses and purposes, including, without limiting the foregoing, debt and interest, out-of-state travel, wages and salaries, operation of the Town's departments and offices, and provide for a reserve fund, all for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, inclusive; or act on anything relative thereto. (Finance Committee) (requires majority vote)**

### **ARTICLE 5 - TABLE OF ESTIMATES**

<i>Column 1</i>		<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>	<i>Column 5</i>
Dept #	Department/Description	FY20 Actuals	FY21 TM Budget	FY22 FinCom Recommended Budget	FY22 FinCom Recommended Override
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
114	MODERATOR				
	Stipend	128	128	128	-
	Operating Expenses	0	109	109	-
	<b>Total</b>	128	237	237	-
122	SELECTMEN				
	Five Selectperson Stipends	0	0	0	-
	Town Administrator	145,000	148,582	151,554	-
	Office Manager	46,370	46,370	47,298	-
	Emergency Services Director	10,250	10,500	10,455	-
	Finance Director	20,500	20,500	20,910	-
	Meeting Support Clerk	6,186	12,399	12,647	-
	Operating Expense	106,134	150,823	174,748	-
	Audit Services	35,127	35,000	35,000	-
	<b>Total</b>	369,567	424,174	452,612	-
124	SELECTMEN COMMITTEES				
	Historical & Historic District Commission				
	Expenses	0	2,400	2,400	-
	Town Art Committee	0	2,000	2,000	-
	Millbrook Meadow Committee	275	2,500	2,500	-
	Rights of Way Committee	425	3,302	3,302	-
	Beautification Committee	977	2,000	2,000	-

	<b>Total</b>	1,677	12,202	12,202	-
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE				
	Clerical Support	0	2,500	2,500	-
	Operating Expense	0	2,810	2,810	-
	Reserve Fund	0	250,000	300,000	-
	<b>Total</b>	0	255,310	305,310	-
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT				
	Town Accountant	18,200	0	10,000	-
	Town Accountant Staff	103,028	116,778	116,778	-
	Operating Expense	96,963	164,649	168,167	-
	<b>Total</b>	218,191	281,427	294,945	-
141	ASSESSORS				
	Assessors Stipends	3,300	3,300	3,300	-
	Principal Assessor	77,875	77,875	70,870	-
	Assessor Clerk	17,488	20,370	22,519	-
	Operating Expenses	2,644	4,753	4,753	-
	Outside Services	2,348	3,860	3,860	-
	<b>Total</b>	103,655	110,158	105,302	-
147	TREASURER/TOWN COLLECTOR				
	Town Treasurer/Collector	79,829	79,830	81,406	-
	Assistant Treasurer/Collector	55,412	55,412	56,520	-
	Other Salaries/Wages	74,018	84,902	88,839	-
	Operating Expenses	36,487	42,512	46,112	-
	Outside Services	25,334	28,000	28,000	-
	Tax Title Expenses	6,912	14,500	14,500	-
	<b>Total</b>	277,992	305,156	315,377	-
151	LEGAL - Fees & Expenses	54,719	207,921	207,921	-
153	HUMAN RESOURCES				
	Other Labor/Clerical Float Pool	1,400	2,000	2,000	-
	Contractual Continuation-Fmr TA	50,746	0	0	-
	Merit Pay Pool	38,211	42,000	42,000	-
	Labor Reserve	48,240	197,320	165,000	-
	Human Resources Director Assessment	0	46,100	60,000	-
	Operating Expense	12,144	18,000	22,000	-
	<b>Total</b>	150,741	305,420	291,000	-
154	INFORMATION SYSTEMS & TECHNOLOGY				
	Director Salary	96,526	100,526	102,496	-
	IS&T Salaries & Wages	151,560	172,561	175,802	-
	Administrative Support Wages	0	0	0	-
	Emergency Comm Sys Utilities & Maintenance	-12,678	8,780	8,780	-
	Telephone	36,892	45,580	45,580	-
	Copiers & other hardware	50,700	49,568	49,568	-

	Classroom Hardware	55,740	55,754	45,754	-
	Networking Services	50,625	42,884	42,884	-
	Software Licenses & On-line services	99,432	117,057	127,057	-
	Other Operating Expense	46,189	61,699	61,699	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>574,986</b>	<b>654,409</b>	<b>659,620</b>	
158	TAX POSSESSED LAND	0	2,100	2,100	-
161	TOWN CLERK				
	Town Clerk	79,413	79,413	80,981	-
	Assistant Clerk	53,321	52,000	54,060	-
	Operating Expense	7,708	8,224	8,224	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>140,442</b>	<b>139,637</b>	<b>143,265</b>	-
164	ELECTIONS				
	Stipends & Election Officer Wages	15,118	18,513	18,513	-
	Operating Expense	10,891	12,933	12,933	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>26,009</b>	<b>31,446</b>	<b>31,446</b>	-
171	CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
	Conservation Agent	59,826	59,826	61,022	-
	Clerical, Part Time	5,137	8,466	11,243	-
	Operating Expense	1,244	1,806	1,806	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>66,207</b>	<b>70,098</b>	<b>74,071</b>	-
175	PLANNING BOARD				
	Clerical, Part Time	20,543	21,121	21,975	-
	Planning Consultant	463	20,000	20,000	-
	Operating Expense	1,728	2,272	2,272	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22,734</b>	<b>43,393</b>	<b>44,247</b>	-
176	ZONING BOARD				
	Clerical, Part Time	14,738	14,740	15,130	-
	Operating Expense	616	705	705	-
	Legal Notices - Zoning	4,929	5,440	5,440	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20,283</b>	<b>20,885</b>	<b>21,275</b>	-
181	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT				
	Police Details for Events	6,476	15,000	10,636	-
	Promotion and Advertising	7,225	7,530	0	-
	Special Projects	568	2,000	2,000	-
	Band Concerts	4,284	2,000	2,000	-
	Program Expenses	23,165	31,400	31,400	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>41,718</b>	<b>57,930</b>	<b>46,036</b>	-
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUMMARY</b>					
	<b>Salaries, Wages &amp; Stipends</b>	<b>1,298,839</b>	<b>1,462,932</b>	<b>1,456,582</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>Operating Expense</b>	<b>770,210</b>	<b>1,458,971</b>	<b>1,550,384</b>	<b>-</b>

	<b>ATM Authorization</b>	2,069,049	2,921,903	3,006,996	-
	<b>Pensions &amp; Benefits (Incl in 900)</b>	627,043	627,043	651,285	-
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	2,696,092	3,548,946	3,658,251	-

<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
210	POLICE DEPARTMENT				
	Police Chief	140,670	145,669	153,582	-
	Assistant Chief of Police	114,732	116,732	121,067	-
	Police Lieutenant Salary, incl shift diff	97,864	111,058	115,685	-
	Police Sergeants, incl Shift Diff	247,567	265,171	283,891	-
	Police Officers, incl OT, Court Time and Shift Diff	979,420	1,143,343	1,147,123	-
	Civilian Dispatchers	43,565	91,042	91,872	-
	Other Staff Salaries & Wages	95,441	98,200	100,506	-
	Personnel Expenses-Uniforms, Training, Travel	52,432	69,080	67,630	-
	Vehicle Expense-Fuel, Maintenance	33,802	34,615	34,615	-
	Facilities Expense	29,256	32,966	32,966	-
	Equipment Maintenance-Radio, Computer	50,230	33,200	32,230	-
	Telephone	11,156	10,000	10,000	-
	Other Operating Expense	32,691	29,254	31,674	-
	<b>Total</b>	1,928,826	2,180,330	2,222,841	-
212	TRAFFIC & PARKING				
	Sergeant Stipend	20,000	20,000	20,400	-
	Parking Meter Attendants	21,170	57,684	55,563	-
	Trolley Services per Contract	18,534	24,291	24,291	-
	Operating Expense	87,183	60,837	69,864	-
	<b>Total</b>	146,887	162,812	170,118	-
215	LIFEGUARDS				
	Lifeguards (Seasonal)	53,525	49,000	80,832	-
	Operating Expense	2,484	5,807	5,807	-
	<b>Total</b>	56,009	54,807	86,639	-
220	FIRE DEPARTMENT				
	Fire Inspector/Chief	39,936	40,183	40,986	-
	Firefighter Stipends	92,111	103,121	105,183	-
	PT, Seasonal & Special Labor	4,699	3,196	3,260	-
	In-Service Training	7,592	17,275	17,275	-
	Vehicle Expense-Fuel, Maintenance, Equipment	14,804	21,940	21,940	-
	Facilities Expense-Heating, Electrical	23,098	26,889	26,889	-
	Other Operating Expense	36,936	34,782	34,782	-
	<b>Total</b>	219,176	247,386	250,315	-
225	FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT				
	Forest Fire Warden Stipend	3,500	3,500	3,570	-
	Deputy Stipends	2,450	2,450	4,949	-
	Firefighter Stipends	19,493	19,173	17,107	-



	Labor, Part Time	1,316	1,316	1,316	-
	Operating Expense	1,474	3,106	4,170	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>28,233</b>	<b>29,545</b>	<b>31,112</b>	<b>-</b>
231	AMBULANCE				
	Department Head	9,126	9,126	9,308	-
	Direct Labor (Stipend)	43,465	49,265	49,265	-
	PT Labor & EMT per call Wages	35,890	77,527	77,589	-
	Personnel Expense-Training, Dues	7,350	16,115	16,115	-
	Vehicle Expense-Maintenance, Fuel	9,828	12,546	12,546	-
	Outside Services-Billing, Medical	16,406	18,133	18,133	-
	Other Operating Expense	7,196	10,504	10,004	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>129,261</b>	<b>193,216</b>	<b>192,960</b>	<b>-</b>
241	INSPECTION SERVICES				
	Building Inspector Salary	79,812	79,812	81,319	-
	Part-time Labor	44,679	44,575	47,408	-
	Operating Expense	1,967	2,335	2,335	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>126,458</b>	<b>126,722</b>	<b>131,062</b>	<b>-</b>
249	ANIMAL INSPECTOR				
	Animal Inspector Stipend	3,900	3,900	3,978	-
	Operating Expense	20	383	383	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,920</b>	<b>4,283</b>	<b>4,361</b>	<b>-</b>
291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
	Director's / Deputy's Stipends	5,489	5,489	5,600	-
	Operating Expense	1,030	1,051	1,051	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,519</b>	<b>6,540</b>	<b>6,651</b>	<b>-</b>
292	DOG CONTROL				
	Dog Officer Salary (APT)	8,897	15,000	15,300	-
	Assistant Animal Control Officer	0	1,500	1,500	-
	Operating Expense	937	3,792	3,792	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9,834</b>	<b>20,292</b>	<b>20,592</b>	<b>-</b>
293	PARKING CLERK				
	Operating Expense	2,588	3,000	3,000	-
	Admin & Collection Services	11,656	18,200	18,200	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14,244</b>	<b>21,200</b>	<b>21,200</b>	<b>-</b>
295	HARBORMASTERS/SHELLFISH				
	Harbormasters	47,253	47,253	48,198	-
	Assistant Harbormasters	4,188	4,188	4,272	-
	Assistant Shellfish Officer & Warden	3,814	3,814	3,878	-
	Seasonal, Part-Time	10,566	10,612	10,650	-
	Equipment Maintenance-Radios	0	572	572	-
	Boat Maintenance	5,215	4,000	4,000	-

Float, Ramp Repair/Replacement	30,396	35,400	35,400	-
Office & Other Operating Expense	15,445	28,312	28,848	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,877</b>	<b>134,151</b>	<b>135,818</b>	<b>-</b>

297 HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Support Clerk	206	500	500	-
Expenses	0	0	0	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>-</b>

**PUBLIC SAFETY SUMMARY**

<b>Salaries, Wages &amp; Stipends</b>	2,282,336	2,640,674	2,722,932	-
<b>Operating Expense</b>	504,114	541,110	551,237	-
<b>ATM Authorization</b>	2,786,450	3,181,784	3,274,169	-
<b>Pensions &amp; Benefits (Incl in 900)</b>	957,618	1,052,635	1,099,028	-
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>3,744,068</b>	<b>4,234,419</b>	<b>4,373,197</b>	<b>-</b>

400 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ADMINISTRATION

Stipends, Salaries & Wages	173,730	196,999	197,768	-
Office Expenses	44,120	45,019	46,034	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>217,850</b>	<b>242,018</b>	<b>243,802</b>	<b>-</b>

PUBLIC PROPERTY (incl parks & seasonal)

Wages, Regular & OT	344,346	348,940	384,910	-
Operating Expense	217,247	213,291	213,291	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>561,593</b>	<b>562,231</b>	<b>598,201</b>	<b>-</b>

HIGHWAY, GENERAL

Wages, Regular	399,142	367,497	425,977	-
Wages, OT	5,474	5,474	5,474	-
Highway Expense	147,846	141,250	141,250	-
Garage Expense	126,479	120,593	120,593	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>678,941</b>	<b>634,814</b>	<b>693,294</b>	<b>-</b>

HIGHWAY, SNOW & ICE

Wages, Regular	0	0	0	-
Wages, OT	61,259	70,306	70,306	-
Operating Expense	60,961	72,284	82,284	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>122,220</b>	<b>142,590</b>	<b>152,590</b>	<b>-</b>

TRANSFER STATION

Wages, Regular & OT	160,528	167,509	202,243	-
Operating Expense, mostly haulage	394,776	398,845	428,392	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>555,304</b>	<b>566,354</b>	<b>630,635</b>	<b>-</b>

CEMETERY

Wages, Regular & OT	142,368	140,983	152,874	-
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Operating Expense	8,524	8,112	8,112	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>150,892</b>	<b>149,095</b>	<b>160,986</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SUMMARY</b>				
<b>Salaries, Wages &amp; Stipends</b>	1,286,847	1,297,708	1,439,552	-
<b>Operating Expense</b>	999,953	999,394	1,039,956	-
<b>ATM Authorization</b>	2,286,800	2,297,102	2,479,508	-
<b>Pensions &amp; Benefits (Incl in 900)</b>	570,389	597,009	653,141	-
<b>TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS</b>	<b>2,857,189</b>	<b>2,894,111</b>	<b>3,132,649</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>500</b>	<b>HEALTH &amp; WELFARE</b>				
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510	BOARD OF HEALTH				
	Board Members Stipends	900	900	900	-
	Health Agent Salary	37,565	37,565	38,317	-
	PT Admin Assistant	12,303	16,806	24,530	-
	Seasonal Labor - Beach Testing	0	0	0	-
	PT Public Health Nurse	0	10,000	15,000	-
	Operating Expense	16,312	24,826	29,718	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>67,080</b>	<b>90,097</b>	<b>108,465</b>	<b>-</b>

541	COUNCIL ON AGING				
	Director	46,371	46,371	47,230	-
	Clerical Part Time	2,547	2,611	2,663	-
	Operating Expense	9,234	16,120	16,120	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>58,152</b>	<b>65,102</b>	<b>66,013</b>	<b>-</b>

543	VETERANS SERVICES				
	Veterans Agent Stipend	0	0	0	-
	Operating Expense	7,629	16,576	16,576	-
	Veterans Allowances/Ch. 115 Benefits	15,000	15,500	15,500	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22,629</b>	<b>32,076</b>	<b>32,076</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>HEALTH &amp; WELFARE SUMMARY</b>				
<b>Salaries, Wages &amp; Stipends</b>	99,686	114,253	128,640	-
<b>Operating Expense</b>	48,175	73,022	77,914	-
<b>ATM Authorization</b>	147,861	187,275	206,554	-
<b>Pensions &amp; Benefits (Incl in 900)</b>	78,958	70,486	77,880	-
<b>TOTAL HEALTH AND WELFARE</b>	<b>226,819</b>	<b>257,761</b>	<b>284,434</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>600</b>	<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>				
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610	LIBRARY				
	Department Head	76,883	78,413	78,420	-
	Other Direct Labor	264,186	342,690	430,136	-
	Operating Expense	27,545	35,867	41,331	-
	Library Materials (19%)	100,030	118,113	140,243	-
	Contractual	51,042	46,603	47,991	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>519,686</b>	<b>621,686</b>	<b>738,121</b>	<b>-</b>

630	RECREATION				
	Recreation Director (incl seasonal labor)	0	2,500	2,500	-
	Clerical Part-time	0	1,000	1,000	-
	Operating Expense	1,657	5,411	5,411	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,657</b>	<b>8,911</b>	<b>8,911</b>	<b>-</b>
635	GRANITE PIER				
	Seasonal Labor	13,833	13,874	14,152	-
	Operating Expense	7,410	7,997	7,997	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>21,243</b>	<b>21,871</b>	<b>22,149</b>	<b>-</b>
638-9	THACHER & STRAITSMOUTH ISLAND				
	Direct Labor	11,861	5,900	18,000	-
	Other Operating Expense	11,093	5,100	5,100	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22,954</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>23,100</b>	<b>-</b>
692	MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE	1,514	2,608	2,608	-
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION SUMMARY</b>					
	<b>Labor</b>	366,763	444,377	544,208	-
	<b>Operating Expenses</b>	200,291	221,699	250,681	-
	<b>ATM Authorization</b>	567,054	666,076	794,889	-
	<b>Pensions &amp; Benefits (Incl in 900)</b>	193,619	193,895	189,755	-
	<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATIONAL</b>	<b>760,673</b>	<b>859,971</b>	<b>984,644</b>	<b>-</b>
700	DEBT AND INTEREST				
	Maturing Debt Principal	955,000	930,000	875,000	-
	Maturing Debt Interest	222,813	187,250	153,725	-
	Temporary Debt Principal	60,000	90,000	97,376	-
	Temporary Debt Interest	4,713	25,000	21,000	-
	<b>TOTAL DEBT AND INTEREST</b>	<b>1,242,526</b>	<b>1,232,250</b>	<b>1,147,101</b>	<b>-</b>
900	OTHER				
911	ESSEX REGIONAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM	1,802,399	1,924,155	2,068,275	-
912	NON-CONTRIBUTORY PENSION	0	0		
913	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	1,295	50,000	50,000	-
914	GROUP INSURANCE				
	Health	4,503,294	4,801,611	5,059,270	-
	Life	12,063	13,000	13,000	-
	Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)	125,000	125,000	125,000	-
916	FICA/MEDICARE	237,629	248,352	269,358	-
917	SICK LEAVE / BUY-BACK	71,300	71,300	81,300	-

940	INSURANCE EXPENSE	445,598	493,475	516,000	-
943	SPED STABILIZATION FUND	42,360	86,571	67,335	-
	<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b>7,240,938</b>	<b>7,813,464</b>	<b>8,249,538</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>ARTICLE 5 TOWN DEPARTMENT SUMMARY</b>					
	Salaries, Wages & Stipends	5,334,471	5,959,944	6,291,914	-
	Operating Expenses	2,522,743	3,294,196	3,470,172	-
	Pension & Benefits (Incl in 900)	3,062,611	3,062,611	3,335,735	-
	Debt Service (Incl in 700)	1,051,013	1,051,013	975,722	-
	<b>TOTAL ARTICLE 5 BEFORE SCHOOLS</b>	<b>11,970,838</b>	<b>13,367,764</b>	<b>14,073,543</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>PUBLIC EDUCATION - TOWN CONTRIBUTION</b>					
Base Funding from Town - ATM					
300	<b>APPROPRIATION</b>	11,911,595	11,987,140	13,306,491	777,336
305	<b>Essex Tech. High School-ATM APPROPRIATION</b>	480,972	484,300	375,000	-
	Pensions & Benefits (Incl in 900)	3,974,363	3,974,363	4,330,405	-
	Debt Service (Incl in 700)	202,800	202,800	171,379	-
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC EDUCATION</b>	<b>16,569,730</b>	<b>16,648,603</b>	<b>18,183,275</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL ARTICLE 5</b>	<b>29,028,526</b>	<b>30,596,413</b>	<b>32,840,153</b>	<b>777,336</b>

### **MOTION 1**

I move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$32,068,775 for all items under column 4 of the Table of Estimates under Article 5 on pages 33 through 42 in the Town Meeting Voters Booklet, General Fund, as modified by Town Meeting's amendments to the previously held budget items, all for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, inclusive, and, as funding therefor, raise from taxation the sum of \$30,571,541 and transfer the following sums from the designated accounts for the purposes specified, namely,

\$127,960 from Ambulance Reserve to 231 Ambulance

\$170,118 from Parking Meter Fund to 212 Traffic and Parking

\$ 21,200 from Parking Meter Fund to 293 Parking Clerk

\$135,818 from Waterways Improvement Fund to 295 Harbormasters

\$101,063 from CPA Fund to 700 Debt and Interest

\$496,349 from Water Enterprise Fund to Shared Costs

\$444,726 from Sewer Enterprise Fund to Shared Costs

and further, to allow funds from the Labor Reserve account to be applied to the appropriate salary, wage, and FICA accounts, and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such amounts.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Finance Committee Chair Dwight Valentine moves Article 5, first motion, as indicated in the motion printed on page 33 of the May 15, 2021 voters booklet.

The Moderator Instructed voters to hold sections that they wished to personally challenge.

Sections held: 114, 122, 141, 154, 181, 231, 400, 510, 635, 300

**Discussion: Section 114, Moderator Stipend**

TOBY ARSENIAN, 95 GRANITE ST., moved to eliminate line item Stipend at a cost of \$128.

TOWN MODERATOR, ROBERT VISNICK

ZENAS SEPPALA, 92 GRANITE ST.

ALAN BATTISTELLI, 57 PHILLIPS AVE.

DARREN KLEIN, TOWN COUNCIL

MARK CURLEY, 8 OLD PENZANCE RD.

DON CAMPBELL, 5 KING ST. CT.

PHILIP CROTTY, 1 ATLANTIC AVE. called the question be moved.

Motion carried, unanimous to move the question.

MODERATOR: The motion to remove the stipend under 114 from the Moderator in the amount of \$128, failed by voice vote.

**Discussion: Section 122: Selectmen**

ZENAS SEPPALA, 92 GRANITE ST., held section 122, Emergency Services Director, in the amount of \$10,455 to request more information regarding what this money is used for.

DARREN KLIEN, TOWN COUNCIL, explained that it is a stipend for a position that is currently not being utilized.

**Discussion: Section 141: Assessors**

TOBY ARSENIAN, 95 GRANITE ST., moved to eliminate Assessors stipends in the amount of \$3300.

ALAN BATTISTELLI, 57 PHILLIPS AVE.

MODERATOR: The motion to remove the stipend under 122 from the Assessors in the amount of \$3300 failed by voice vote.

**Discussion: Section 154: Information Systems and Technology**

THERESA RISOLO, 4 SUMMIT AVE., requested an exact breakdown of the portion of the IT salaries and wages that accrued to the town and the part that goes to the school budget.

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA, explained that the town does not divide out the IS/IT salaries that way as they are a town wide department and there is not an exact breakdown. They are a unified department that addresses all town wide needs.

MODERATOR: Announced that Senator Bruce Tarr was in attendance at our meeting and thanked him for his service to our town and community.

#### **Discussion: Section 181: Community Development**

TOBY ARSENIAN, 95 GRANITE ST., I move to cut \$4364 from the line item Police Details for Events and eliminate the line item Promotion and Advertising at a cost of \$7530. A total reduction of \$11,894.

MODERATOR: The motion to reduce the Community Development budget by \$11,894 went to a counted vote. 163 YES, 151 NO. That motion carried by voice vote.

#### **Discussion: Section 400: Department of Public Works**

TOBY ARSENIAN, 95 GRANITE ST., moved to eliminate the stipends of Directors in ADMINISTRATION at the cost of \$9000.

JUNE MICHAELS, Finance Committee

MODERATOR: The motion to reduce Section 400 Administration: Stipends, Salaries and Wages in the amount of \$9000, failed by voice vote.

#### **Discussion: Section 510: Board of Health**

TOBY ARSENIAN, 95 GRANITE ST., moves to eliminate Board Member Stipends at a cost of \$900.

MODERATOR: The motion to reduce Section 510: Board of Health Member Stipends at a cost of \$900, failed by voice vote.

#### **Discussion: Section 638/639: Thacher & Straitsmouth Island:**

SYDNEY WEDMORE, 155 SOUTH ST., moved to re-establish the pre-covid budget of \$23,000, which was moved and seconded.

JUNE MICHAELS, FINANCE COMMITTEE, reported that the Finance Committee voted to allocate \$6000 to the Thacher & Straitsmouth Island budget from the funds previously cut in Community Development.

MODERATOR: The motion to increase the Thacher & Straitsmouth Island budget to \$23,100, carried, unanimous by voice vote.

#### **Discussion: Section 300: Public Education:**

JUNE MICHAELS, FINANCE COMMITTEE, spoke on a point of order

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THE MODERATOR AND TOWN COUNCIL, DARREN KLEIN, clarified that the First Motion was being voted only and that a motion had yet to be made.

CHARLES PETERMAN, 22 PLEASANT ST., requested the moderator clarify the difference between unanimous and unopposed, as defined in Roberts Rules.

DARREN KLEIN, TOWN COUNCIL advised that unanimous is the term used at our Town Meeting.

TOBY ARSENIAN, 95 GRANITE ST., asked for clarification on what was being voted on.

MODERATOR, confirmed that we were about to vote on the budget without the override. Column 4.

DWIGHT VALENTINE, CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, spoke to the motion being made, the challenges that the pandemic presented and shared information on the school override.

ZENAS SEPPALA, 92 GRANITE ST., wanted confirmation we are not voting on the override right now.

TOM DELANEY, 70 EDEN RD., wanted clarification on special education funding and the possible elimination of it.

ROB LIEBOW, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, explained how payment and cost of school choice special education students is distributed.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Finance Committee Chair Dwight Valentine moves that the town appropriate the sum of \$32,062,817 for all items under column 4 of the table of estimates under Article 5 on pages 33 thru 42 in the Town Meeting Voters Booklet General Fund as modified by town meetings amendments to the previously held budget items all for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022 inclusive and there's funding there for monies raised from taxation in the sum of \$30,565,583 and transfer the following sums from the designated accounts for the purposes specified. Namely \$127,960 from Ambulance Reserve to 231 Ambulance; \$170,118 from Parking Meter Fund to 212 Traffic and Parking; \$21,200 from Parking Meter Fund to 293 Parking Clerk; \$135,818 from Water Ways Improvement Fund to 295 Harbor Masters; \$101,063 from CPA fund to 700 Debt and Interest; \$496,349 from Water Enterprise fund to Shared Costs; \$444,726 Sewer Enterprise Fund to Shared Costs; and further to allow funds from the labor reserve account to be applied to the appropriate salary wage and fica accounts and to authorize the town accountant to allocate such amounts. Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support the motion.

MODERATOR: The motion carried by voice vote.

## **MOTION 2**

I move that the Town raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$777,336 for all items under Article 5 listed in column 5 on page 42 in the Town Meeting Voter's Booklet, General Fund, for school department operating expenses for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, inclusive, provided that such additional appropriation shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ override ballot question under General Laws Chapter 59, §21C.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr Moderator, Finance Committee Member, Laurene Wessel moves Article 5, Second Motion as indicated in the Motion printed on page 33 of the May 15, 2021 Town Meeting Voters Booklet.

MODERATOR: The second motion in the article was moved and seconded.

LAURENE WESSEL, spoke on the Finance Committees position on the second motion, the override for the school departments operating expenses, and her favor of it.

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MODERATOR, informed the crowd that 427 voters were now in attendance.

SYDNEY CHAMPAGNE, 52 HIGH ST., 2020 Rockport High School Alumni spoke to her experience at RPS and favor and support of the override.

ROBERT LIEBOW, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, gave clarification on school choice cost to the school system and the funding received by the town for school choice students. He read letters written by since graduated students and their gratitude for the opportunity to go to RPS.

ZENAS SEPPALA, 92 GRANITE ST., asked about clickers that were previously used at town meeting. The moderator explained that they would not work outside.

JUNE MICHAELS, 22 LANDMARK LANE, explained why she did not vote for the override this time.

CHARLES PETERMAN, 22 PLEASANT ST., spoke to the cost of real estate and was looking for information on demographic projections in the next 5 years.

ROBERT LIEBOW, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, spoke to the budget and how it was constructed on the enrollment of both resident and school choice numbers. Additionally, to birth rates.

NATHANIEL MULCAHY, 7 DEAN RD., offered his opinion on the override, and favor of it.

COLLEEN COOGAN, 7 SOUTH ST CT., offered her opinion on the override, and favor of it.

JAMY MADEJA, HOLBROOK CT., offered her opinion on the override, and favor of it.

JONATHAN RING, 9 POOLES LANE, offered his opinion on the override, and opposition to it.

STEVE ROWELL, 7 SEAGULL ST., offered his opinion on the override, and favor of it.

JUNE MICHAELS, circled back to demographic projections. And provided those numbers.

TOBY ARSENIAN, 95 GRANITE ST., offered his opinion on the override, and opposition to it.

AEDAN MCCARTHY, 58 HIGH ST., offered his opinion on the override, and favor of it.

MICHAEL KELLY, CHAIR OF THE ROCKPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE, spoke on history of SC votes and a case study, that is still under review, in regards to possible alliances with other districts and the schools need to prepare for future success.

JOHN PENALOZA, 46 MAIN ST., offered his opinion on the override, and favor of it.

MODERATOR: Motion carried by voice vote.

## ARTICLE 5A

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**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, sums of money for any and all Town expenses and purposes including, without limiting the foregoing, debt and interest, out-of-state travel, wages and salaries, operation of the Town's Water Enterprise and provide for a reserve fund, all for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, inclusive; or act on anything relative thereto.**

*(Finance Committee) (requires majority vote)*

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## **MOTION**

I move that the Town appropriate from Water Enterprise Fund revenues the sum of \$2,026,306 for all items under column 4 of the Table of Estimates under Article 5A on pages 43 and 44 in the Town Meeting Voters Booklet, Water Enterprise for the operation of the Town's Water Enterprise, and provide for a reserve fund if necessary, all for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, inclusive, and further, to allow funds from the Water Enterprise Labor Reserve account to be applied to the appropriate salary, wage, and FICA accounts, and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such amounts.

### **ARTICLE 5A: TABLE OF ESTIMATES**

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>
<b>Department/Description</b>	<b>FY20 Actuals</b>	<b>FY21 TM Budget</b>	<b>FY22 FinCom Recommended Budget</b>
<b>WATER ENTERPRISE</b>			
Administration	87,115	117,440	128,564
Direct Labor	525,065	537,464	600,365
Overtime	24,142	18,017	18,000
Fuel, Light and Power	110,569	187,994	187,994
Operating Expenses	248,121	304,088	304,319
Reserve Fund	0	50,000	50,000
Debt Service	184,750	168,700	240,715
Shared Employee Wages	85,720	84,649	87,570
Shared Employee Pension & Benefits	15,632	15,511	16,585
Direct Pension & Benefits	310,647	315,276	338,890
Building/Liability Insurance	46,803	51,318	53,304
<b>ARTICLE 5A SUMMARY</b>			
Labor	636,322	672,921	746,929
Energy	110,569	187,994	187,994
Operating Expenses	248,121	354,088	354,319
Debt Service	184,750	168,700	240,715
Reimbursement for Services Authorized in General Fund	458,802	466,754	496,349
<b>TOTAL ARTICLE 5A</b>	<b>1,638,564</b>	<b>1,850,457</b>	<b>2,026,306</b>

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Finance Committee member Dwight Valentine moves article 5A as indicated in the motion printed on page 43 of the May 15, 2021 voters booklet. Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this article.

MODERATOR: Motion carried, unanimous or not opposed.

## ARTICLE 5B

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To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, sums of money for any and all Town expenses and purposes including, without limiting the foregoing, debt and interest, out-of-state travel, wages and salaries, operation of the Town's Sewer Enterprise and provide for a reserve fund, all for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, inclusive; or act on anything relative thereto. *(Finance Committee)*  
*(requires majority vote)*

### MOTION

I move that the Town appropriate from Sewer Enterprise Fund revenues the sum of \$2,141,273 for all items under column 4 of the Table of Estimates under Article 5B on page 45 in the Town Meeting Voters Booklet, Sewer Enterprise for operation of the Town's Sewer Enterprise, and provide for a reserve fund if necessary, all for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, inclusive, and further, to allow funds from the Sewer Labor Reserve account to be applied to the appropriate salary, wage, and FICA accounts, and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such amounts.

## ARTICLE 5B: TABLE OF ESTIMATES

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
			FY21 TM	FY22 FinCom
Department/Description	FY20 Actuals		Budget	Recommended
SEWER ENTERPRISE				Budget
Administration	90,493		120,818	128,564
Direct Labor	500,308		512,157	571,733
Overtime	11,113		17,162	17,162
Fuel, Light and Power	224,292		259,746	259,746
Operating Expenses	262,881		324,673	324,904
Reserve Fund	0		50,000	50,000
Debt Service	286,688		283,463	344,438

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Shared Employee Wages	74,013	69,970	72,028
Shared Employee Pension & Benefits	13,659	13,068	13,974
Direct Pension & Benefits	312,297	317,990	325,519
Building/Liability Insurance	44,329	31,975	33,205

<b>ARTICLE 5B SUMMARY</b>			
Labor	601,914	650,137	717,459
Energy	224,292	259,746	259,746
Operating Expenses	262,881	374,673	374,904
Debt Service	286,688	283,463	344,438
Reimbursement for Services Authorized in General Fund	444,298	433,003	444,726
<b>TOTAL ARTICLE 5B</b>	<b>1,820,073</b>	<b>2,001,022</b>	<b>2,141,273</b>

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Finance Committee member Dwight Valentine moves article 5B as indicated in the motion printed on page 44 and 45 of the May 15, 2021 voters booklet.

MODERATOR: Moved and seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

## ARTICLE 5C

**To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the FY2022 Estimated Annual Revenue of the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money for any and all necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, all for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, inclusive; or act on anything relative thereto. (Finance Committee) (requires majority vote)**

### MOTION

I move that the Town appropriate and transfer from the FY2021 Estimated Annual Revenue of the Community Preservation Fund the sum of \$131,163 for any and all necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for all items under column 4 of the Table of Estimates under Article 5C as shown on page 46 of the Town Meeting Voters Booklet, all for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, inclusive.

### ARTICLE 5C: TABLE OF ESTIMATES

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
				FY22 FinCom Recommended
Dept #	Department/Description	FY20 Actuals	FY21 TM Budget	Budget
	<b>COMMUNITY PRESERVATION</b>			

CPA Meeting Support Clerk	431	5,000	1,000
CPA Administrative Expenses	9,345	25,100	29,100
Debt Service	171,375	195,483	101,063

<b>ARTICLE 5C SUMMARY</b>			
Labor	431	5,000	1,000
Energy	0	0	
Operating Expenses	9,345	25,100	29,100
Reimbursement for Debt Service in the General Fund	171,375	195,483	101,063
<b>TOTAL ARTICLE 5C</b>	<b>181,151</b>	<b>225,583</b>	<b>131,163</b>

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Finance Committee member June Michaels moves article 5C as indicated in the motion printed on page 46 of the May 15, 2021 voters booklet. Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this article.

MODERATOR: Moved and seconded.

TOBY ARSENIAN, 95 GRANITE ST., moved to remove \$100 from the line CPA Administrative Expenses because of the fuel dock study.

JUNE MICHAELS, explained that this article was not about the fuel dock study but about Community Preservation revenues.

MODERATOR: That motion failed by voice vote. Now voting on the main article; Motion carried by voice vote.

## ARTICLE 6

**To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for Capital Outlay Items, such sums of money as set forth in the schedule prepared by the Finance Committee, or any other sum or sums, a copy of which schedule is on file with the Town Clerk and incorporated herein by reference, and to determine whether such sums will be raised by fees, taxation, transferred from available funds, provided by borrowing, or by any combination of the foregoing; or act on anything relative thereto. (Finance Committee) (requires 2/3 vote if funded with borrowing or through stabilization)**

### MOTION

I move that the Town appropriate \$2,574,881 for the items printed on page 48 in the Town Meeting Voters Booklet as column 2 and to meet this appropriation, to transfer the following amounts \$1,319,881 from Free Cash (column 3), \$55,000 from the Parking Meter Reserve (column 5),

\$1,200,000 from borrowing (Column 4) and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out these projects and purchases. (requires 2/3 vote)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Capital Improvement Planning Committee Chair Don Southard moves article 6 as indicated in the motion printed on page 47 of the May 15, 2021 voters booklet. Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this article.

MODERATOR: Moved and seconded.

<b>ARTICLE 6 EXHIBIT - CAPITAL OUTLAY LIST</b>					
<b>Recommended for FY22 Budget</b>					
<b>General Fund</b>					
		<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>
					<i>Column 5</i>
			<b>FY22</b>		<b>Tsfr from</b>
<b>Dept #</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>FY21 Requests</b>	<b>Recommended</b>	<b>Free Cash</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>
154	IS&T	IT/Technology Capital & Website Upgrade	150,000	150,000	
210	Police	Police Cruiser	55,000		55,000
220	Fire	Fire Rescue Tools/Jaws of Life	41,218	41,218	
225	Forest Fire	F350 Forest Fire Truck & Equipment	55,000	55,000	
231	Ambulance	New Ambulance & Entrance Retrofit	230,000	230,000	
295	Harbor	New Harbormaster Patrol Boat	250,000	250,000	
300	School	School Bus	99,863	99,863	
400	DPW	Streetlight Conversion to LEDs	16,800	16,800	
400	DPW	Master Roadway Improvements	200,000	200,000	
400	DPW	Roadway Improvements	1,200,000		1,200,000
400	DPW	DPW F750 Sander Truck	57,000	57,000	
400	DPW	Tree Removal & Replacement	100,000	100,000	
		Old Firehouse Trust Exterior Weathertight Repairs			
400	DPW	Locust Grove Cemetery Shed	15,000	15,000	
400	DPW	Bench Replacement Program	10,000	10,000	
400	DPW	Trash Barrel Replacement Program	10,000	10,000	
400	DPW	Aerial Photography & GIS Data Layer Update	10,000	10,000	
<b>TOTAL FY22 REQUESTS:</b>			<b>2,574,881</b>	<b>1,319,881</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>
					<b>55,000</b>

TOBY ARSENIAN, suggested that this should require 2 votes. One for borrowing at 2/3rds and a separate vote for the others. Spoke on LED streetlight options

DARREN KLEIN, TOWN COUNCIL, informed TM that it's not required to break up the motion.

CHARLES PETERMAN, asked about roadway budgets and allocations.

PETER GOODWIN, 6 NORTH RD, would like to see samples of the LED street lights proposed by DPW conversion.

TOM MIKUS, 73 MARMION WAY, CHAIR, GREEN COMMUNITY TASK FORCE, spoke to the fact that the GCTF were the ones advocating for the conversion. They are looking for a warm light.

ELIZABETH PERKINS, 1 SHETLAND RD., spoke in favor of LED lighting.

BRUCE REED, 32 PIGEON HILL ST., DPW COMMISSIONER, spoke to master road improvements and need for more, siting specific projects they would like to do.

TOBY ARSENIAN, wants to split the roadway work vote which is borrowing, from the other asks. He also moved to add the \$10,000 from the SEWER FUND Aerial Photography to the CAPITAL OUTLAY Aerial Photography.

DARREN KLEIN, said that there was no more money in free cash to make that move. That the money would have to come from somewhere else.

MODERATOR: The motion to add \$10,000 failed by voice vote.

MODERATOR: The vote for Article 6, anything but roadway improvements, carried, unopposed.

MODERATOR: The next vote will be for Article 6 part 2, Roadway Improvements.

HENRY BETTS, 13 PENZANCE RD., spoke about Penzance Road and its need for repair.

MODERATOR: The motion for roadway improvement carried, by more than 2/3's voice vote.

## ARTICLE 6A

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**To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for Capital Outlay Items for the Water Enterprise, sums of money as set forth in the schedule prepared by the Finance Committee, or any other sum or sums, a copy of which schedule is on file with the Town Clerk and incorporated herein by reference, and to determine whether such sums will be raised by fees, taxation, transferred from available funds, provided by borrowing, or by any combination of the foregoing; or act on anything relative thereto. *(Finance Committee) (requires 2/3 vote if funded with borrowing or through stabilization)***

### **MOTION**

I move that the Town appropriate \$1,456,825 for the items printed on page 49 in the Town Meeting Voters' Booklet under Article 6A – Water Enterprise Fund, including all incidentals and related expenses, and to meet this appropriation, that the sum of \$256,825, as shown in column 3 marked "Free Cash" be transferred from Water Enterprise Free Cash, \$1,200,000 from borrowing (column 4) and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the DPW Commissioners to take

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any other action necessary or convenient to carry out these projects and purchases. (requires 2/3 vote)

ARTICLE 6A EXHIBIT - CAPITAL OUTLAY LIST						
Recommended for FY22 Budget						
WATER FUND						
		Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Dept #	Department	FY21 Requests	FY22 Recommended	Free Cash	Debt	Transfers
60	Wtr Ent	Water Main Replacement	1,200,000		1,200,000	
60	Wtr Ent	WTP Parking Area & Low Lift Pump Road & Guardrail				
60	Wtr Ent	F750 Sander Truck	57,000	57,000		
60	Wtr Ent	Aerial Photography	10,000	10,000		
60	Wtr Ent	Meter Van Replacement	19,200	19,200		
60	Wtr Ent	Great Hill Lowe Water Pressure Study	20,000	20,000		
60	Wtr Ent	Water Treatment Master Capital	75,625	75,625		
TOTAL FY22 REQUESTS:			1,456,825	256,825	1,200,000	0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Capital Improvement Planning Committee Chair Don Southard moves article 6A as indicated in the motion printed on page 49 of the May 15, 2021 voters booklet. Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this article.

MODERATOR, will bifurcate the vote because one part requires debt and all else does not.

MODERATOR, the vote for everything other than the borrowing, carried, unanimous/unopposed by voice vote.

MODERATOR, the vote for \$1,200,000 carried unanimous, more than 2/3's by voice vote.

## ARTICLE 6B

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for Capital Outlay Items for the Sewer Enterprise, sums of money as set forth in the schedule prepared by the Finance Committee, or any other sum or sums, a copy of which schedule is on file with the Town Clerk and incorporated herein by reference, and to determine whether such sums will be raised by fees, taxation, transferred from available funds, provided by borrowing, or by any combination of the foregoing; or act on anything relative thereto. (Finance Committee) (requires 2/3 vote if funded with borrowing or through stabilization)



## **MOTION**

I move that the Town appropriate \$271,309 for the items printed on Page 51 of the Town Meeting Voters' Booklet under Article 6B – Sewer Enterprise Fund, including all incidental and related expenses, and to meet this appropriation, that the sum of \$271,309 as shown in column 3 marked "Free Cash" be transferred from Sewer Free Cash and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the DPW Commissioners to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out these projects and purchases.

ARTICLE 6B EXHIBIT - CAPITAL OUTLAY LIST						
Recommended for FY22 Budget						
SEWER FUND						
		Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
			FY22			
Dept #	Department	FY21 Requests	Recommended	Free Cash	Debt	Transfers
65	Swr Ent	Odor Bio Filter Replacement	50,000	50,000		
65	Swr Ent	Meter Van Replacement	19,200	19,200		
65	Swr Ent	F750 Sander Truck	57,000	57,000		
65	Swr Ent	Aerial Photography	10,000	10,000		
65	Swr Ent	6" Portable Bypass Pump	28,800	28,800		
65	Swr Ent	Waste Water Treatment Master Capital	106,309	106,309		
TOTAL FY22 REQUESTS:			271,309	271,309	0	0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Capital Improvement Planning Committee Chair Don Southard moves article 6B as indicated in the motion printed on page 50 of the May 15, 2021 voters booklet. Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this article.

TOWN CLERK, seconded the motion.

TOBY ARSENIAN, moved to subtract \$10,000 from Aerial Photography.

MODERATOR, motion failed by voice vote.

MODERATOR, motion for Article 6B, carried by voice vote.

## **ARTICLE A (1)**

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**To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its officers, boards, departments, committees and commissions, as printed in the 2020 Annual Town Report or as otherwise submitted to Town Meeting; or act on anything relative thereto. (Moderator) (requires majority vote)**

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## **MOTION**

I move that the Town accept the reports of its officers, boards, departments, committees and commissions, as printed in the 2020 Annual Town Report or as otherwise submitted to Town Meeting.

MODERATOR, motion carried by voice vote. Unopposed.

## **ARTICLE Y (2)**

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**To see if the Town will hear, receive and act upon the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Town Water Supply appointed pursuant to the vote of the 1980 Annual Town Meeting under Warrant Article 16 and extended by votes of successive Annual Town Meetings through and including the 2018 Annual Town Meeting under Warrant Article V and extend the term of the Committee; or act on anything relative thereto. *(Town Moderator) (requires majority vote)***

## **MOTION**

I move that the Town hear, receive and act upon the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Town Water Supply appointed pursuant to the vote of the 1980 Annual Town Meeting under Warrant Article 16 and extended by votes of successive Annual Town Meetings through and including the 2020 Annual Town Meeting and extend the term of the Committee.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Committee Chair Laura Evans moves article Y as indicated in the motion printed on page 70 of the May 15, 2021 voters booklet. Board of Selectmen support this article.

LAURA EVANS, spoke of the Ad Hoc Committee on Town Water Supply and projects they have worked on.

MODERATOR, motion carried by voice vote. Unanimously.

## **ARTICLE R (3)**

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**To see if the Town will vote to refer the following to the Board of Selectmen:**

**“This legislative vote of the Town meeting requests the BOS to petition the General Court of the MA legislature for an exemption to Chapter 111, 8C under Home Rule law in order to establish a town regulation that bans the addition of any fluoridation products to municipal water supplies in order to protect flora and fauna from cumulative effect of waste water, as well as the health of residents with reason to avoid fluoridation chemicals.” *(Non-Binding Citizen Petition) (requires majority vote)***

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## **MOTION**

I move that the Town vote to approve Article R as printed in the Warrant.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, lead petitioner Alan Macmillan moves article R as indicated in the motion printed on page 63 of the May 15, 2021 voter's booklet. Board of Selectmen does not support, Board of Health does not support, Government and By-Laws Committee unfavorable.

ALAN MACMILLAN, 18 STORY ST., spoke to the above article as the lead petitioner. Asked the wording in the motion, the word "requests" to "authorizes" and the moderator agreed to change.

JAMY MADEJA, spoke in favor of the article.

RON NEWMAN, 9B TARRS LANE WEST, spoke to the Board of Health opposing this resolution; the Mass Medical Society supports fluoridation, and the American Medical Association's support of fluoride in water.

AEDAN MCCARTHY, 58 HIGH ST., spoke in favor of the resolution.

DAVE DAMASSA, 119 SOUTH ST., spoke in favor of the Board of Health opposition and his opposition of the article.

ZENAS SEPPALA, 92 GRANITE ST., spoke to data found in town reports on fluoride treatments done by the town in the past and his favor of the article.

BARBARA GOLL, 8 ATLANTIC AVE., spoke in favor of the article.

HERMAN LILJA, 6 BAYRIDGE LN., spoke in favor of fluoridation.

MODERATOR: The motion failed by voice vote. Hand count of 79 to 112, motion failed hand count.

## **ARTICLE T (4)**

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**To see if Town Meeting will vote to send the following text to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission NRC explaining that:**

**"We have been informed that the Seabrook Nuclear Reactor has been discharging radioactive operating gasses daily to the air and ocean outfall since 1990. The ocean discharge travels by coastal gyres south to all shores, beaches and rock outcropping. The discharge to the atmosphere travels by airborne plumes of hot gasses that cool and drop over coastal interfaces and topographic features such as higher elevations. We must refuse any and all deposition of radioactive gasses, fallout particles or any form of ionizing radiation discharge on town of Rockport geography, coastal or inland, all water surfaces fresh or salt water. Research from Scotland, Germany and Serbian universities show that radiation fallout kills chlorophyll this stopping photosynthesis. This radioactive discharge kills plankton, trees and other living organisms."** *(Non-Binding Citizen Petition) (requires majority vote)*

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## **MOTION**

I move that the Town vote to approve Article T as printed in the Warrant.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, lead petitioner Patricia Pierce moves article T as indicated in the motion printed on page 65 of the May 15, 2021 voter's booklet. Board of Selectmen does not support.

MODERATOR: Moved and seconded.

PATRICIA PIERCE, spoke about her article.

AEDAN MCCARTHY, 58 HIGH ST., spoke of his opinion on the article and science related to it.

PAUL HURST, 36 HAVEN AVE., asked questions relative to health concerns.

MODERATOR: The motion failed by voice vote.

## **ARTICLE U (5)**

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A Conservation resolution of the following text to be adopted by the Town of Rockport:

"We recognize as a principle of law, the intrinsic value of natural lands in their natural historic state, said lands are to be preserved in perpetuity for the purpose of sustaining life.

Definition of "intrinsic value" of natural land:

- 1) Nature is the only source of life.
- 2) Nature is the only self-renewing living system providing clean air, clean water, chlorophyll, photosynthesis, trees, leaves, all life sustaining processes...All living beings.
- 3) Nature once destroyed cannot be restored." *(Non-Binding Citizen Petition) (requires majority vote)*

## **MOTION**

I move that the Town vote to approve Article U as printed in the Warrant.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, lead petitioner Patricia Pierce moves article U as indicated in the motion printed on page 66 of the May 15, 2021 voter's booklet. Board of Selectmen take no stance unless that have something from the floor.

Seconded.

PATRICIA PIERCE, 35 BROADWAY, spoke about her article.

JONATHAN RING, 9 POOLE'S LANE, proposed change to article, that it read, "nature is a source of life."

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MODERATOR: Motion to amend article failed by voice vote.

MODERATOR: The original article passed by voice vote.

## ARTICLE Q (6)

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**To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a special act in the form set for below, authorizing an amendment to the By-Laws of the Town of Rockport, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and, provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.**

**Amend Chapter 3, Section 4., part a. Composition: Term of Office by adding at the end:**

**“A person shall serve on the Board of Selectmen no more than a lifetime total of nine (9) years. Upon enactment, any person who may be affected by this limit may serve out their current term.”**

**This amendment shall become effective upon enactment by the General Court.**

*(Non- Binding Citizen Petition) (requires majority vote)*

## MOTION

I move that the Town vote to approve Article Q as printed in the Warrant.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, lead petitioner William Wagner moves article Q as indicated in the motion printed on page 62 of the May 15, 2021 voter's booklet.

WILLIAM WAGNER, 147 GRANITE ST., spoke to his article and his favor of term limits on Board of Selectmen service.

PAUL MURPHY, 21 PLEASANT ST, BOARD OF SELECTMEN, spoke against term limits. Suggested voting is the way to get turnover.

CHARLIE SEAVEY, 18 FRANK ST., CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNMENT AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE, spoke to the multiple articles that were looking at term limits.

DENISE DONNELLY, 72 PIGEON HILL ST., suggested that term limits were the elections.

PAUL FRANKLIN, 3 STORY ST., spoke as initiator of Article P (which he will make no motion), and the difference between years and terms and how the totals can differentiate.

JAMY MADEJA, 2 HOLBROOK CT., spoke to her favor of voting and its democratic result.

ZENAS SEPPALA, 92 GRANITE ST., spoke to his opinion of term limits and recalling BOS

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ALAN BATTISTELLI, 57 PHILLIPS AVE., spoke against term limits.

ALAN MACMILLAN, 18 STORY ST., spoke against term limits.

RUTH GEORGE, 86 GRANITE ST., CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN, spoke against term limits.

MAUREEN MCCARTHY, 62 MARMION WAY, spoke in favor of term limits.

DON CAMPBELL, 5 KING ST CT., spoke in favor of term limits. Mentioned he would not run for Board of Selectmen again.

CAROL COOKE, 171 B THATCHER RD., spoke in favor of term limits.

SARAH WILKINSON, 23 HIGHVIEW RD., spoke against term limits.

PAIGE EATON, 6R HIGH ST CT., spoke against term limits.

MODERATOR: Motion failed by voice vote.

#### **ARTICLE P (7)**

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**To see if the Town of Rockport shall vote at the Annual Town Meeting to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a special act in providing that**

**“No person may be elected to serve as a member of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Rockport for more than three full terms or ten and one half years, whichever is lesser. When the term of office for any person elected to the Board of Selectmen would extend membership on the Board of Selectmen beyond nine years if the member served the full term, that seat shall be deemed vacant at the time of the next scheduled town election to fill that particular seat. Any tenure served in a seat on the Board of Selectman equaling or exceeding half of that seat’s entire term of office will be considered having served a full term.”**

**And authorize the General Court to make any revisions that are necessary or appropriate to the form of such bill.** *(Non-Binding Citizen Petition) (requires majority vote)*

#### **MOTION**

I move that the Town vote to approve Article P as printed in the Warrant.

MODERATOR: No motion under article P

#### **ARTICLE V (8)**

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**The following article is proposed as an amendment to the Town By-Laws:**

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**Amend Chapter 3, Section 4, part a. Composition: Term of Office by adding at the end:**

**“No person elected to serve as a Selectman may serve more than three consecutive terms of office or nine (9) consecutive years, whichever is greater. If a lapse in service of at least two (2) years occurs between any previous terms and the term for which election is sought, a person may be elected to serve as a Selectman for a fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) non-consecutive term or twelve (12) non-consecutive years in the aggregate.”**

**This amendment shall become effective July 1, 2020.** *(Non-Binding Citizen Petition) (requires majority vote)*

**MOTION**

NO MOTION – per request of primary petitioner.

MODERATOR: No motion under article V

**ARTICLE N (9)**

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**To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 2, Section 5(b)(iv) of the Town Code of Bylaws, regarding the duties of the Government and Bylaw Committee, by deleting the words “decennial review of the bylaws” and replacing them with “quinquennial review of the bylaws,” and further by adding at the end of such section the words “The Committee shall investigate and report on those bylaws which appear to need revision**

**as evidenced by non-compliance.”, or act on anything relative thereto.** *(Citizen Petition) (requires majority vote)*

**MOTION**

I move that the Town vote to approve Article N as printed in the warrant.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, lead petitioner Zenas Seppala moves article N as indicated in the motion printed on page 60 of the May 15, 2021 voter’s booklet.

FROM THE AUDIENCE: SECONDED.

ZENAS SEPPALA, 92 GRANITE ST., spoke to his article and clarifying its request.

CHARLES SEAVEY, 18 FRANK ST., proposed a wording change. Changing the last six words of the article. Taking out the period adding a comma and “at any time.”

MODERATOR: Amendment moved and seconded.

TOBY ARSENIAN, 95 GRANITE ST., asked about bylaw enforcement and responsibility.

MODERATOR: Motion carried by voice vote. Article N as amended, motion carried by voice vote, unopposed.

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## ARTICLE O (10)

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To see if the Town of Rockport shall vote at the Annual Town Meeting to amend the appropriate chapter and section of the town By-laws and/or authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for a special act, whichever is most appropriate, in the providing that

**“No town department may be created, expanded, dissolved, or otherwise manipulated through the creation, consolidation or elimination of roles, titles or other hierarchy by contract or otherwise without the support of a majority vote of town residents at Annual Town Meeting or Special Town meeting.”**

**And authorize the Town and/or General Court, whichever is most appropriate, to make any revisions that are necessary or appropriate to the form of such by-law and/or bill.** *(Non-Binding Citizen Petition) (requires majority vote)*

### **MOTION**

I move that the Town vote to approve Article O as printed in the Warrant.

MODERATOR: No motion under article O.

## ARTICLE W (11)

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The following article is proposed as an amendment to the Town By-laws:

Replace Chapter 3, Section 3, Part b. Compensation in its entirety with the following:

**“b. Compensation. Elected officers of Town Clerk and Moderator shall receive for their services such compensation as may annually be provided for that purpose by appropriation. All other Elected Town Officials shall receive no compensation and no compensation shall be appropriated for such officials.”**

**This amendment shall become effective July 1, 2020.** *(Citizen Petition) (requires majority vote)*

### **MOTION**

I move that the Town vote to approve Article W as printed in the Warrant.

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, lead petitioner Bill Wagner moves article as printed in the warrant.

MODERATOR: Moved and Seconded.

BILL WAGNER, 147 GRANTIE ST., the article was intended to level the playing field as he feels the article codifies elected positions not getting a stipend.

LAURA HALLOWELL, 47 HIGH ST., was looking for clarification as to who was included in.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, said this article would affect the Board of Assessors.

MODERATOR: Motion failed, by voice vote.

## **ARTICLE F (12)**

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**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to fund the local share of FEMA Back Beach Mitigation – Design & Construction; or act on anything relative thereto.** (DPW Commissioners) *(requires majority vote)*

### **MOTION**

I move that the Town transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$110,000 to fund the local share for FEMA Back Beach Mitigation for Design & Construction.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Selectmen Ross Brackett moves Article F as indicated in the motion printed on page 54 of the May 15, 2021 voter's booklet. Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this article.

MODERATOR: Moved and seconded.

CHARLES PETERMAN, 22 PLEASANT ST., was requesting more details regarding the requested funds.

JOE PARISI, FORMER DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, explained that a section of wall that was not previously worked on, they were hoping to repair.

TOBY ARSENIAN, 95 GRANITE ST., wanted clarification on the length of wall that was going to be repaired.

JOE PARISI, said it was 70 feet of wall.

MODERATOR: Motion carried a voice vote.

## **ARTICLE G (13)**

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**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer, or borrow a sum of money to fund the local share for FEMA Long Beach Mitigation – Design, Engineering, & Permitting; or act on anything relative thereto.** (DPW Commissioners) *(requires majority vote)*

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## **MOTION**

I move that the Town transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$75,000 to fund the local share of FEMA Long Beach Mitigation for Design, Engineering & Permitting only.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Selectmen Ross Brackett moves article G as indicated in the motion printed on page 55 of the May 15, 2021 voter's booklet. Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this article.

MODERATOR: Moved and seconded.

JOE PARISI, spoke to the sections of long beach that have been damaged and that qualify for mitigation improvements.

TOM MIKUS, 73 MARMION WAY, spoke to the potential cost of a full repair, sea level rise, storm surge and his opposition to the article.

PETER GOODWIN, 6 NORTH RD., asked about article X's relevance in order of articles being voted.

CHARLES SEAVEY, 18 FRANK ST., spoke to his concern of other low lying areas in town.

ERIC HUTCHINS, 45 POOLES LN., expressed his concern for an Environmental Assessment by FEMA to be completed before any money be spent.

CAROL COOKE, 171B THATCHER RD., does not believe any more money should be spent on long beach.

ALAN MACMILLAN, 18 STORY ST., spoke to his concern of the cost of this project and the need to wait for the FEMA EA.

NATHAN IVES, 19R NORWOOD AVE, spoke to the financial implications, climate factors, long term strategy and need to take action now.

JOE PARISI, clarified that the money was for the EA.

MODERATOR, took a voice vote that was too close to call. By hand count 131 voted in favor and 72 opposed.

ERIC HUTCHINS, 45 POOLES LN., was looking for clarification on how the article is written and what the DPW director described it to be.

JOE PARISI, explained the money being asked for is to be used on both the EA and other parts of the project such as permitting. He did say that if approved by FEMA up to 75% of the cost of the EA could be reimbursed.

CHARLES PETERMAN, 22 PLEASANT ST., feels the article is convoluted and conflicting with its original ask. He requested a motion to reconsider which was seconded.

MODERATOR, a motion to reconsider carried by a 2/3's voice vote.

JOE PARISI, spoke again to the article and how it could be split in half between the EA and a MEPA review.

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ZENAS SEPPALA, 92 GRANITE ST., was looking for clarification the procedure on the motion to reconsider.

DARREN KLEIN, TOWN COUNCIL, explained the rules of a motion to reconsideration.

CHARLES PETERMAN, motion to separate EA from the other portion.

The motion was seconded.

MODERATOR, the motion for bifurcating the motion, carried a voice vote.

MODERATOR, the motion for \$37,500 for an Environmental Assessment carried a voice vote.

JOE PARISI, clarified that the other \$37,500 was for MEPA study and other work in the permitting process.

DENISE DONNELLY, 72 PIGEON HILL ST., asked if the second half was for permitting of the building of the wall.

JOE PARISI, said some of the money would be used for going in front of the Conservation Commission.

PAUL FRANKLIN, 3 STORY ST., asked if there was any cost savings by doing these two studies together.

TOBY ARSENIAN, 95 GRANITE ST., spoke about a Long Beach Committee. If the voters want a new sea wall and who would pay for it.

NATHAN IVES, suggested letting the Environmental Assessment run its course and see what results in that study before spending any more money.

CANDICE WALDRON, 109 PHILLIPS AVE, expressed her confusion over voting for money for permitting before the assessment was complete. And her favor to vote against the motion.

MODERATOR, the motion for \$37,500 for MEPA review and other work like permitting, failed by voice vote.

## **ARTICLE X (14)**

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### **To see if the Town will vote to refer the following to the Board of Selectmen:**

“Shall the Town of Rockport ask the Board of Selectmen to perform a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Mitigation Study for FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to have the cottages removed from Long Beach’s leased land due to rising sea levels and continual expenses to tax payers to repair or replace the seawall at an estimated cost of 32 million dollars. In place of the cottages have the lands used for an ecologically sustainable parking lot and walking paths for accessing our Public Long Beach by all Rockport taxpayers and residents.” *(Non-Binding Citizen Petition) (requires majority vote)*

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## **MOTION**

I move that the Town vote to approve Article X as printed in the Warrant.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, lead petitioner Carol Cooke moves article X as indicated in the motion printed on page 67 of the May 15, 2021 voter's booklet.

CAROL COOKE, 171B THATCHER RD., spoke to her article.

STEVE VITKAUSKAS, 1 LONG BEACH, spoke against this article.

SARAH WILKINSON, BOARD OF SELECTMEN, spoke to the difficulty the BOS has experienced with the proponent of the article and details of the long beach settlement. It was stated that the BOS unanimously opposes Article X.

TOBY ARSENIEN, 95 GRANITE ST., moved that the Town Meeting requests that the Moderator appoint an Ad Hoc Committee, the Long Beach Options Committee, with representation from the BOS, the Planning Board, the Finance Committee, the DPW Commissioners, the Conservation Commission, 4 citizens to consider the towns options when the current long beach leases expire in 2023. With regard to environmental concerns in particular the rising sea levels and the need to repair or replace the sea walls. They would consider renewal or sale, cost, benefits and detriments to the town of all the options considered. The committee will hold a public hearing to present its report not later than 2 weeks prior to the 2022 Annual Town Meeting and present report at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting. Also that the Town Meeting request that Article X be placed on the warrant of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

ED HAND, 20 LANDMARK LANE, supports moving this to a committee.

CHARLES PETERMAN, 22 PLEASANT ST., wanted clarification if moving to a committee would remove the original motion. The moderator confirmed that it would.

DIANE FINCH, 215 GRANITE ST., supports moving this to committee.

MODERATOR: The motion carried.

## **ARTICLE K (15)**

**To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the tax custodian for tax title purpose to the Conservation Commission under the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §8C for conservation, passive recreation and open space purposes in perpetuity, the care, custody and control of the parcel of land identified on Assessor's Map 15 as Lot 92, and described in tax title foreclosure case recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 5086 Page 363, and to dedicate and designate said parcel to the foregoing purposes, reserving and excepting, however, such rights of access in, on and under such portion or portions of the parcel as the Board of Selectmen may determine and the right to improve, but not pave, said access areas; or take any other action relative thereto. *(Board of Selectmen) (requires 2/3 vote)***

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## **MOTION**

I move that the Town vote to transfer from the tax custodian for tax title purpose to the Conservation Commission under the provision of G.L. c. 40, §8C for conservation, passive recreation and open space purposes in perpetuity, the care, custody and control of the parcel of land identified on Assessor's Map 15 as Lot 92, and described in tax title foreclosure case recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 5086, Page 363, and to dedicate and designate said parcel to the foregoing purposes, reserving and excepting, however, such rights of access in, on and under such portion or portions of the parcel as the Board of Selectmen may determine and the right to improve, but not pave, said access areas.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Board of Selectmen member Ross Bracket moves article K as indicated in the motion printed on page 58 of the May 15, 2021 voter's booklet. The Board of Selectmen supports.

MODERATOR: Moved and seconded.

MEL MICHAELS: Made a motion to postpone the Article to the Spring Town Meeting 2022. His concern was that this land would become permanent conservation land and expressed his concern for the need of affordable housing and was asking for reconsideration.

SARAH WILKINSON, BOARD OF SELECTMEN, the Selectman oppose the postponement presented.

BILL MUELLER, 6 GREEN ST., principle sponsor of Article K, spoke of the Friends of Andrews Woods working for over 15 years to bring this Article forward. Asked that we vote today. Not in the future.

ED HAND, 20 LANDMARK LN., is in favor of postponing the Article.

JANE O'MALLEY, 63 PIGEON HILL ST., is not in favor of postponing the vote.

HERMAN LILJA, 6 BAYRIDGE LANE, is in favor of postponing the vote.

MODERATOR: Motion to end debate on the motion to postpone Article K to the Spring Town Meeting 2022, passed a voice vote.

Motion to postpone decision Article K to the Spring Town Meeting, failed a voice vote.

MODERATOR: Advised the town to resume discussion on Article K.

DENISE DONNELLY, 72 PIGEON HILL ST., spoke to the planning boards work on affordable housing and expressed her opinion being in favor of the Article.

DAVE MCKINNON, 36 KING ST., spoke to the Open Space Plan and Conservation Commission's identification of this parcel as one to be protected.

NATHAN IVES, NORWOOD AVE., CHAIR OF ROCKPORT RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE expressed his and the Rights of Way Committees support of this article.

ZENAS SEPPALA, 92 GRANITE ST., spoke as an opponent to the Article because of what he thinks is a lack of affordable housing and land available in the town.

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MODERATOR: The moderator heard a motion to move the question. The question was moved, by a voice vote of more than 2/3rds

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Board of Selectmen member Ross Bracket moves that the Town vote to transfer from the tax custodian for tax title purpose to the Conservation Commission under the provision of G.L. c. 40, §8C for conservation, passive recreation and open space purposes in perpetuity, the care, custody and control of the parcel of land identified on Assessor's Map 15 as Lot 92, and described in tax title foreclosure case recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 5086, Page 363, and to dedicate and designate said parcel to the foregoing purposes, reserving and excepting, however, such rights of access in, on and under such portion or portions of the parcel as the Board of Selectmen may determine and the right to improve, but not pave, said access areas.

MODERATOR: Motion carried, by a voice vote of 2/3 majority.

#### **ARTICLE L (16)**

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**To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the tax custodian for tax title purposes to the Conservation Commission under the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §8C for conservation, passive recreation and open space purposes in perpetuity, the care, custody and control the parcel of land identified on Assessor's Map 26 as Lot 81 and described in tax title foreclosure case recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 5086, Page 369, and to dedicate and designate said parcel to the foregoing purposes, reserving and excepting, however, such rights of access in, on and under such portion or portions of the parcel as the Board of Selectmen may determine and the right to improve, but not pave, said access areas; or take any other action relative thereto. (Board of Selectmen) (requires 2/3 vote)**

#### **MOTION**

I move that the Town vote to transfer from the tax custodian for tax title purposes to the Conservation Commission under the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §8C for conservation, passive, recreation and open space purposed in perpetuity, the care, custody and control the parcel of land identified on Assessor's Map 26 as Lot 81 and described in tax title foreclosure case recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 5086, Page 369, and to dedicate and designed said parcel to the foregoing purposes, reserving and excepting, however, such rights of access in, on and under such potion or portions of the parcel as the Board of Selectmen may determine and the right to improve, but not pave, said access areas.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Board of Selectmen member Ross Bracket moves article L as indicated in the motion printed on page 59 of the May 15, 2021 voter's booklet. The Board of Selectmen supports. The Board of Selectmen support this article.

MODERATOR: Moved and seconded. Called for discussion.

Motion carried by more than 2/3's

MODERATOR, informed the voters that Article was Moot with the passage of Article K.

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## **ARTICLE M (17)**

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**To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, an easement on a portion or portions of the parcel of land located at 33-37 Phillips Avenue for access and recreational purposes on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate; or take any other action relative thereto.** *(Board of Selectmen) (requires majority vote)*

### **MOTION**

I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, an easement on a portion or portions of the parcel of land located at 33-37 Phillips Avenue for access and recreational purposes on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate. The Board of Selectmen support this article.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Selectmen Chair, Ruth George moves article L as indicated in the motion printed on page 59 of the May 15, 2021 voter's booklet. The Board of Selectmen supports this article.

MODERATOR: Moved and seconded. Called for discussion.

STEPHANIE WOOLF, 6 POINT DE CHENE AVE, asked for clarification on the specifics of the article.

RUTH GEORGE, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SELECTMEN, clarified that conversations with the property owners were mostly to obtain an easement across the property to continue the Atlantic Path, as a gift.

JOHN PENALOZA, 46 MAIN ST., spoke of the weekly walks that have been taking place on the path since the 1870's. He talked to the precedent that a decision in a case like this could make regarding access to the waterfront.

NATHAN IVES, 19 NORWOOD AVE, CHAIR ROCKPORT RIGHTS OF WAYS, spoke to the challenging times the rights of way are facing in the recent past because of litigation. He spoke in favor of this article.

SARAH WILKINSON, BOARD OF SELECTMEN, clarified that this is giving the selectmen permission to negotiate with the homeowners on an easement.

PAUL FRANKIN, 3 STORY ST., inquired if there is history of such an easement being given to the town to preserve the path. And if a decision like this would set precedent for future conflict.

DARREN KLEIN, TOWN COUNCIL, stated that if an agreement was entered into by the Board it would not create any precedent.

LYNDA DECOURCY, 1 GOTT AVE., was seeking a point of clarification. If that no money were to be involved, she made a motion that the word "by purchase" be removed from the original motion.

SARAH WILKINSON, explained that no money was appropriated to spend on this article and that it legally had to be written that way.

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MODERATOR, said that we would not vote on that motion.

ELINOR GOLDMAN, 13 PLEASANT ST., was seeking clarification on what the vote meant. Just negotiations, or more than that.

DAREN KLEIN, clarified that the Board of Selectmen has the authority to negotiate anything they want at any time. This article would allow them to complete a negotiation and authorizes them to acquire the easement.

PHIL CROTTY, 1 ATLANTIC AVE., COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE, spoke to \$50K that was allocated to the Atlantic Path and that he expected that a significant portion of that would go to facilitate the access on that easement if it was acquired.

TOM MIKUS, RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE, wanted to ensure eminent domain remained an option.

MODERATOR, called for a vote. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### **ARTICLE S (18)**

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**To see if the Town will vote to refer the following to the Board of Selectmen:**

**“Summary: Parcel 26-81 on Straitsmouth Way is the companion site to the Kieran Nature Preserve. It is the primary water source for the preserve. Consisting of mature woods and extensive wetlands, it is home to abundant wildlife. It is also the breeding ground for salamanders, tree frogs and other species. Together, with the Kieran Preserve, parcel 26-81 is a stopover on a coastal bird migration route. As stewards of the woods, we want to do the right thing and protect parcel 26-81 from sale and development.**

**We, the undersigned, would like to propose the following:**

**That parcel 26-81 on Straitsmouth Way be proposed as conservation land and a companion site to the Kieran Nature Preserve on Straitsmouth Way.”** *(Non-Binding Citizen Petition) (requires majority vote)*

#### **MOTION**

I move that the Town vote to approve Article S as printed in the Warrant.

MODERATOR, rendered this moot by previous decisions.

#### **ARTICLE D (19)**

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**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, including Free Cash, the following sum of money to the following Stabilization Funds and Trusts to pay for future expenditures:**

General Stabilization Fund	\$125,000
SPED Stabilization Fund	\$200,000
Capital Reserve Stabilization Fund	\$200,000
OPEB Trust Fund	\$100,000

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**Conservation Trust Fund**

**\$450**

**; or act on anything relative thereto. (Board of Selectmen) (requires majority vote)**

**MOTION**

I move that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the following sums to the following Funds for the purposes of Article D as printed in the warrant:

General Stabilization Fund	\$125,000
Capital Reserve Stabilization Fund	\$200,000
Special Education Stabilization Fund	\$200,000
OPED Trust Fund	\$100,000
Conservation Trust Fund	\$450

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Selectmen Don Campbell moves article D as indicated in the motion printed on page 53-54 of the May 15, 2021 voter's booklet.

MODERATOR: Called for a vote. Motion Carried, unopposed by voice vote.

**ARTICLE E (20)**

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**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from available funds, including Free Cash, a sum of money for Assessor Revaluation Expenses; or act on anything relative thereto. (Board of Selectmen) (requires majority vote)**

**MOTION**

I move that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$75,000 for Assessor Revaluation expenses.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Board of Assessors Chair, Tim Good moves article E as indicated in the motion printed on page 54 of the May 15, 2021 voter's booklet.

MODERATOR: Moved and seconded. Motion carried, unopposed by voice vote. Unanimous.

**ARTICLE B (21)**

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**To see if the Town will vote to expend a sum of money allocated to the Town under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 90 or otherwise, so-called "Chapter 90 monies"; or act on anything relative thereto. (Department of Public Works) (requires majority vote)**

**MOTION**

I move that the Town expend the sum of \$189,200 or such other sum as is made available to the Town under the provisions of Mass General Laws Ch. 90.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, DPW Commissioner Jim Gardner moves article B as indicated in the motion printed on page 52 of the May 15, 2021 voter's booklet.

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MODERATOR: Moved and seconded. Motion carried.

## **ARTICLE H (22)**

**To see if the Rockport will vote to amend the Town's Zoning By-Law Section IV(A)(11) and replace in its entirety with the following:**

### **11. RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.**

#### **a. Application and Purpose**

This Section applies to residential buildings in the SRAA, SR, RA, and R zoning districts. The purpose of this Section is to require a minimum proportionality between the size of a building lot and the buildings on that lot.

#### **b. Aggregated Gross Floor Area**

"Aggregated Gross Floor Area" is the sum of the Gross Floor Areas of existing or proposed buildings.

#### **c. Gross Floor Area and Side Setbacks**

1. On a lot of 2 acres or less, no residential building, or any combination of a residential building and accessory building(s), shall have an aggregated Gross Floor Area of greater than 7,000 square feet. The limitation of this section shall apply to the aggregated Gross Floor Area of an existing or proposed residential building and an accessory building proposed for construction on the same lot.

2. Residential and accessory buildings shall have the following side setbacks:

i. **11(c)(2)(i)** 20 ft.—for residential buildings with 4,000-5,999 square feet of Gross Floor Area or for any combination of residential and accessory buildings with 4,000-5,999 square feet of Aggregated Gross Floor Area.

ii. **11(c)(2)(ii)** 25 ft.—for residential buildings with 6,000 square feet or more of Gross Floor Area or for any combination of residential buildings and accessory buildings with 6,000 square feet or more of Aggregated Gross Floor Area.

[Notes "a" and "b" are to be deleted]

; or act on anything relative thereto. (*Planning Board*) (*requires 2/3 vote*)

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## **MOTION**

I move that the Town amend Section IV(A)(11) of the Town Zoning Bylaw by deleting the current section and inserting in its place the text as printed in the warrant.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Planning Board Chair Jason Shaw moves article H as indicated in the motion printed on page 56 of the May 15, 2021 voter's booklet. The Board of Selectmen and Planning Board support this article.

JASON SHAW, 9 ATHENA WAY, recalled a 2015 decision by planning board and by-law change regarding setbacks. He said there was a glitch in the language of that prior change, which was not clear regarding the inclusion of accessory dwellings on the same property. This new article includes total structure, gross floor area, the main structure and any accessory dwellings.

ALAN BATTISTELLI, 57 PHILLIPS AVE, CHAIR OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, was looking for clarification on what was habitable square footage in regards to the determination of site plan review.

JASON SHAW, reiterated that the only change to the by-law was the addition of "or a combination of Buildings". This particular by-law was not changing otherwise.

JAMY MADEJA, HOLBROOK CT, had a question regarding the meaning of "existing or" and are existing properties grandfathered. She also wanted to clarification from legal counsel if this vote needed majority or 2/3's vote as stated in the motion.

DARREN KLEIN, stated that all zoning by-law changes required 2/3rds vote. He clarified that existing structures would be grandfathered; however any new additions would most likely need to go for a new variance.

MODERATOR, asked a question about variances and set backs.

ALAN BATTISTELLI, 57 PHILLIPS AVE, CHAIR OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, responded.

TOBY ARSENIAN, 95 GRANITE ST, commented on 7ft habitability vs inhabitability. He also asked does gross floor area include decks (It was answered no. Decks are not included.)

RICK KASTEN, 31 HIGH ST., asked for clarification on what changed.

MODERATER, called for a vote. The motion carried, unanimously.

## **ARTICLE I (23)**

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**To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning By-law Section I (C) and replace in it entirety with the following:**

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#### **I. GENERAL**

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## C. DEFINITIONS

**GROSS FLOOR AREA:** The square footage of the floor area within the perimeter of the exterior walls of a Building or a combination of Buildings. A Gross Floor Area calculation makes no deduction for interior architectural features such as stairs, hallways or closets. Subsurface basements and attic space with a ceiling height of no more than 7 feet at its highest point are excluded from a Gross Floor Area calculation. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, a calculation of Gross Floor Area solely for determining whether Site Plan Review is required for a residential structure shall include the gross floor area of a basement and attic.

;or act on anything relative thereto. *(Planning Board) (requires 2/3 vote)*

### **MOTION**

I move that the Town amend Section I (C ) of the Town Zoning Bylaw by deleting the current section and inserting in its place the text as printed in the warrant.

MODERATOR, called for a vote. Motion carried, unanimously.

### **ARTICLE C (24)**

**To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer from available funds, including Free Cash, the following sums, or any other sum, as a grant to the following charitable organizations**

<b>Action, Inc.</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>HAWC</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Seniorcare</b>	<b>\$3,100</b>
<b>Open Door</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>

**; or act on anything relative thereto. *(Board of Selectmen) (requires majority vote)***

### **MOTION**

I move that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the following sums of money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen to fund the following organizations as grants:

\$4,000 to Action, Inc., 180 Main Street, Gloucester, MA.

\$3,000 to HAWC, 27 Congress Street, Salem, MA.

\$3,100 to Seniorcare, 5 Blackburn Center, Gloucester, MA.

\$5,000 to Open Door, 28 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester, MA.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Selectmen Ross Bracket moves article C as indicated in the motion printed on page 53 of the May 15, 2021 voter's booklet. The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee support this article.

MODERATOR, called for a vote. Motion carried.

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## **ARTICLE J (25)**

**To see if the Town will vote to amend the Code of By-Laws Chapter 7, Finances and Fiscal Procedures, Section 10, Establishment of Revolving Accounts to create a revolving fund and set fiscal year spending limits for Board of Health public health clinics, emergencies, and related drills, and authorize the Board of Health to make expenditures without appropriation; or act on anything relative thereto. (*Board of Selectmen*) (*requires majority vote*)**

### **MOTION**

I move that the Town amend Code of By-Laws Chapter 7, Finances and Fiscal Procedures, Section 10, by inserting a revolving fund as follows:

PROGRAM or PURPOSE	DEPARTMENT RECEIPTS	REPRESENTATIVE or BOARD AUTHORIZED TO SPEND
Board of Health public health clinics, emergencies, and related drills	Received in connection with clinics, emergencies and related services	Board of Health

And to set the fiscal year spending limit for such revolving fund at \$30,000.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, MITCHELL VIEIRA: Mr. Moderator, Board of Health member Barbara McCarthy moves article J as indicated in the motion printed on page 57 of the May 15, 2021 voter's booklet. The Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Board of Health support this article and Government and By-Law Committee report favorably.

MODERATOR, called for a vote. Motion carried, unanimously.

The moderator then called for a vote to dissolve the meeting, which was seconded. The motion carried, unanimously.

The 2021 Annual Town Meeting dissolved at 4:41pm

**Respectfully submitted,  
Melanie J. Waddell  
Assistant Town Clerk**

